

REMARKS

Amendments to the Specification

Page 11 of the present specification has been amended to correct errors contained in the explanation of the well-known immunoassays. No new matter has been added by way of these amendments.

Amendments to the Sequence Listing

Enclosed herewith in full compliance with 37 C.F.R. §§1.821-1.825 is a Substitute Sequence Listing to be inserted into the specification as indicated above. The Substitute Sequence Listing in no way introduces new matter into the specification. Also submitted herewith in full compliance with 37 C.F.R. §§1.821-1.825 is a text copy of the Substitute Sequence Listing. The text copy of the Substitute Sequence Listing, file "2008-01-09 0760-0354PUS1.txt", is identical to the paper copy, except that it lacks formatting. In no way do the paper copy or the text copy of the Substitute Sequence Listing introduce new matter into the application.

The Sequence Listing is amended to identify the present application by filing date and application number and to correct matters of form. No new matter is introduced by these amendments.

Status of the Claims

Claims 1-11 are pending. Claims 6, 7, 8, 10 and 11 have been amended to remove multiple dependencies contained therein. No new matter has been added by way of the present amendment.

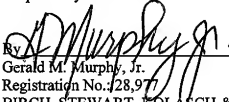
Early and favorable action on the merits is respectfully requested.

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

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Respectfully submitted,


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